

HOUSE BILL 647

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LIBRARIES; CREATING THE RURAL LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT
FUND; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. RURAL LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT FUND--CREATED.--

A. The "rural library development fund" is created
in the state treasury consisting of appropriations; other
revenue credited to the fund; gifts, grants and donations; and
income from investment of the fund. Money in the fund shall
not revert to the general fund at the end of a fiscal year.
The fund shall be administered by the library division of the
cultural affairs department and money in the fund is
appropriated to the division to carry out the purposes of the
fund. Disbursements from the fund shall be by warrant of the
secretary of finance and administration on vouchers signed by

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1 the state librarian or the state librarian's authorized
2 representative.

3 B. Money in the fund shall be used for rural
4 library development, including expenses associated with library
5 planning and the purchase of library materials, equipment and
6 furniture. The library division shall promulgate rules on how
7 money from the fund shall be allocated and what development
8 expenses qualify for funding.

9 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Two million dollars
10 (\$2,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the rural
11 library development fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2006
12 and subsequent fiscal years to carry out the purposes of the
13 fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the
14 end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.